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Near East Missionary Fall Meetings Speaker

The Reverend David Chauncey Ensign, of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut, will be the featured speaker on Our Christian World Mission at the fall association and conference meetings.

Dr. Ensign is a graduate of Manchester College (B. A. 1939), Bethany Biblical Seminary (B. D. 1943), and Boston University (Ph. D. 1955).

After special training he did relief work under the American Friends Service Committee in Europe. Later he held several pastorates in this country.

In the overseas work he met Margaret Innis Lowe of Cheshire, England, who was also doing relief work in Europe. They were married in 1948. Mrs. Ensign is a graduate of the University of Liverpool and has a certificate in French from the Institut de Hautes Universitaires in Geneva and taught for seven years in England and Wales. The Ensigs have three young children.

Fall Association And Conference Meetings

October 1-2 — North Alabama Association, Jones Chapel, Moulton, Alabama

October 3 — Central Alabama Association, Mt. Creek Union Church

October 4-5 — S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Association, Indian Creek Community Church, Brantley, Ala.

October 8-9 — Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

October 12-13 — East Alabama Association

October 12, Lowell Church, Roanoke

October 13, Todd Church, Shawmut

October 14-15 — Georgia-S. Carolina Conference (Place to be announced)

Rev. Annie R. Campbell Resigns Convention Post

The Reverend Miss Annie R. Campbell resigned her position as Minister of Christian Education for the Southeast Convention, effective August 31, in order to accept the pastorate of the Robbins, Tennessee Parish.

The parish in which Miss Campbell will begin her new ministry September 15 is made up of three churches: Barton's Chapel, Robbins, Tenn., the Glen Mary, Tenn. Congregational Christian Church and the Deer Lodge, Tenn. Congregational Christian Church.

Miss Campbell has served the Southeast Convention as Minister of Christian Education for more than five years, coming to her present position April 15, 1955.

During this period she has had major responsibility for the work with the young people, both in their local churches and in the larger fellowship groups. The annual convention of the young people has become one of the outstanding events of the year.

In addition, Miss Campbell has helped the three main areas of the convention plan and carry out their summer conference programs for the young people.

The Sunday Schools of the churches of the Convention have been a major concern of Miss Campbell's. She has given guidance in teacher recruitment and training and in the selection of materials. The Student Summer Service Program has been under her direction, making available to local churches capable young people to serve the Daily Vacation Church Schools.

Miss Campbell has also given assistance to the Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship.

After attending Rollins College (F'a.) she received her A. M. in religious education at Hartford Seminary Founda-



REV. ANNIE CAMPBELL

tion. She served as an extension worker in this area under the CC Board of Home Missions and as a worker with migrants under the National Council of Churches. Miss Campbell also served in Europe under the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

Prior to joining the convention staff she was the pastor of the Garden City and Mountain Grove Congregational Christian Churches in Alabama. Miss Campbell is an ordained minister of the Congregational Christian Fellowship.

Miss Campbell has become the beloved friend and servant of the churches of the Southeast Convention. She will be greatly missed from her present position, but there is cause for rejoicing that she still will be in the Convention.



MISS ESPERANZA CARIASO

Miss Esperanza Carioso of San Francisco, La Union, Philippine Islands, was the national leader at the Alabama-N. W. Florida Women's Fellowship Retreat and Young People's Summer Conference and the Georgia-S. C. Young People's Summer Conference.

HERE AND THERE

Laymen of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, either preached or conducted the Sunday Worship Services while the minister, Rev. C. W. Baldwin, was on vacation this summer.

Among the laymen thus participating were: Richard Warren, Locke White Jr., Richard Cavaleri, John Ensminger, Lemmie Quinn and Allan Saunders.

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Rev. Allyn Wadleigh, former pastor of the Birmingham Church, preached at the service on Sunday, August 7.

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LAYMEN ATTEND CONVENTION

W. Presley Ingram, president of the Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship, and Davis Holman, John Dollar, Bill Hodnett, and Gwen Holley, the latter four from the Lanett Church, were among the churchmen attending the joint National Convention of the CC & ER Churchmen in St. Louis, Aug. 25, 26, 27, and 28.

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All of the churches in the "Valley" engaged in a "Valley-wide Christian Crusade" held in the Shawmut Circle, August 27 - September 4. Fifty-six churches endorsed the crusade which brought Evangelist Tommy Tyson of Goldsboro, N. C., to the area.

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Mr. Herman Cook, a deacon in the Lanett Church, has been elected president of the Southeast Convention PF, graduated from Auburn U. at the close

Rev. Willis E. Elliott Joins Evangelism Staff

The Rev. Dr. Willis E. Elliott of Morton, Illinois, has been named to the staff of the new Office of Evangelism of the United Church of Christ, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

The announcement was made recently by the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches. The Board has assigned Dr. Elliott to write and edit evangelism materials for the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Elliott has been pastor of Community Church, Morton, Illinois, for the past ten years. He has been active in ecumenical evangelism activities of the Peoria Area and Illinois Council of Churches. He has served as president of the Midwest Council of Community Churches, trustee and chairman of the study commission of the National Council of Community Churches and its representative in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Elliott is a frequent contributor to religious and lay publications and is the author of study materials for use in churches.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Dr. Elliott spent his early years in nearby Kenmore. He attended Houghton College and Winona Lake School of Theology. He earned his master's degree in theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, his doctor of theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, and his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. He has taught at Northern Baptist Seminary; Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas; Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

of the summer sessions.

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PLEASANT HILL

The Pleasant Hill Community Center and Church (Tenn.) has recently opened an attractive mountain cabin style craft shop on the new highway, U. S. 70S at its intersection with the Pleasant Hill road.

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TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A reception was held by the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Church, Sanford, N. C., in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. David W. Shepherd on Sunday, Sep. 4, 1960.



MISS 'MANO DEVERAJ

Miss Mano Devaraj, headmistress of the O. C. P. M. school in the Madurai Mission, was the guest leader for the Georgia-S. C. Women's Fellowship Retreat at the Hotel Perry, Perry, Ga. Miss Devaraj is currently studying at the Graduate School of Education at Boston University.

HERE AND THERE

W. R. (Bill) Green, another former president of the Southeast Convention PF, recently was elected moderator of the congregation of the new Huntsville, Alabama, United Church project.

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The Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship is starting a Newsletter, "The Southeast Convention Churchmen's News". President Pressley Ingram sent out the first issue in July. Laymen in our churches may get their names on the mailing list by writing to Mr. W. P. Ingram, Box 703, Birmingham, Alabama.

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COLDWATER CHURCH PF

The young people of the Coldwater Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama, pledged one-half of the church's goal for the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign.

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MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH

The Mountain Grove Congregational Christian Church, Steppeville, Ala., of which Mr. Roger Whitley, recent graduate of Southern Union College, is the pastor, has recently purchased a house to serve as the parsonage for the church.

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Rev. Walter E. Dobler, Secretary of Adult Work and Family Life for the Division of Christian Education, preached at the Huguley Congregational Christian Church on August 14.



THIS IS MY FAMILY

Stewardship Booklet Available For Use With Church Families

THIS IS MY FAMILY is the story in photographs of the Kings. They are a real family in one of our churches. There is no claim to being the ideal or even the average family. But here are a father and mother who are searching honestly to discover what it means to be Christians in the midst of our complex and highly developed society. As you follow Clarence and Vivian, David, Margaret, and Jerry through part of a week you will see intimations of how the mission of the church can affect every moment and every decision. "Every occasion can be an occasion for mission. Every place can be a place of

mission."

Whether you live alone or within a human family is not so important. What is important is this: "Are you related to the whole family of God?" "Here are my mother and my brothers!" said Jesus (Mark 3:34). This is the theme of this attractive new 20 page booklet published by the Missions Council. Copies are free upon order from the Missions Council. We hope every family in our Conference will get a copy. But more important than merely distributing it is seeing that it is read and studied. The questions it raises and the challenge with

Christian Higher Education Fund Goals Accepted To Date

Antioch, Andalusia, Ala.	250.
Coldwater, Andalusia, Ala.	50.
First, Andalusia, Ala.	200.
New Home, Andalusia, Ala.	50.
Pilgrim, Birmingham, Ala.	1,000.
East Tallassee, Ala.	400.
Garden City, Ala.	20.
Pleasant Grove, LaFayette, Ala.	300.
Cong'l. Chr., Lanett, Ala.	2,000.
Huguley, Lanett, Ala.	200.
Cong'l. Chr., Langdale, Ala.	1,000.
New Harmony, Lineville, Ala.	50.
Jones Chapel, Moulton, Ala.	25.
Lowell, Roanoke, Ala.	300.
Todd, Shawmut, Ala.	60.
Mt. Lebanon, Steelt, Ala.	50.
Cong'l. Chr., Wadley, Ala.	500.
Pyron's Chapel, Baker, Fla.	100.
Center, Atlanta, Ga.	50.
Central, Atlanta, Ga.	3,600.
Fredonia, Barnesville, Ga.	250.
Macedonia, Braselton, Ga.	50.
United, LaGrange, Ga.	1,200.
First, Evarts, Ky.	450.
Pilgrim, Chattanooga, Tenn.	3,000.
First, Crossville, Tenn.	450.
First, Daisy, Tenn.	450.
Deer Lodge, Tenn.	150.
Glen Mary, Tenn.	150.
First, Knoxville, Tenn.	3,000.
Brookmeade, Nashville, Tenn.	750.
Pleasant Hill, Tenn.	900.
Barton's Chapel, Robbins, Tenn.	100.
First, Caddo (Trinity), Ala.	75.
	\$21,180

which it confronts our fellowship should be discussed by youth groups, adult groups, and in official boards and committees. A use guide will be sent to ministers as orders are filled. Envelopes for mailing it to homes in your parish are also available free. We hope that every church will order enough copies to send one copy to each of its families.

Send your order to:

Missions Council
287 Park Ave., South,
New York 10, N. Y.

NORTH ALA. ASSOCIATION PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The North Alabama Association Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Christian and United Church will have its fall rally at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Ala., at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, September 18.

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Superintendent's Corner

The question most frequently asked me about the constitution proposed for THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST is this: "ARE THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH CAREFULLY SAFEGUARDED?"

The answer to this question is an emphatic and unequivocal "YES!" Paragraph 21 of the constitution states, "The autonomy of the local church is inherent and modifiable only by its own action. Nothing in this constitution and the by-laws of the United Church of Christ shall destroy or limit the right of each local church to continue to operate in the way customary to it; . . ."

Without hesitation I assure each local church it has nothing to fear in the constitution of the United Church in respect to its rights, privileges and autonomy. I urge our churches to vote approval of the constitution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

September 6-8 — Nat'l. Town & Country Com., Lancaster, Pa.

September 12 — Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee, Atlanta

September 13 — Southeast Convention Board of Directors, Atlanta

September 14 — Roanoke, Ala., Lowell Church on United Church Constitution

September 18 — Watson's Chapel Church

September 20-21 — Southern Province Superintendent's Meeting, Franklinton Center, N. C.

September 23 — Southern Union College Board of Trustees

September 24-25 — First Congrega-

Our Christian World Mission Contributions Jan. 11 - Aug. 31, 1960

CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSN.

	Reg.	Special
E. Tallassee	260.95	13.53
Eclectic, Union		
Eclectic, Watsons Church		
Mt. Creek, Union		
Seman, Balm of Gilead		
Seman, Community		
Tallassee, Mt. Olive		
Thorsby, United		

EAST ALABAMA ASSN.

Alexander City		
Antioch		
Hunt		
Ashland, Bethel		
Cragford, Mt. Carmel		
Dadeville, Elder	38.00	
Daviston, McGuire's Ch.		
Delta, Wesleys Ch.		
Five Points, State Line		
Goodwater, Oak Hill		
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	80.00	
LaGrange, Hillside	105.00	
Lanett, Cong. Chr.	1064.00	154.61
Lanett, Huguley	80.00	
Langdale, Cong'l.	1050.00	60.00
Lineville		

Dinglers Chapel		
New Harmony	30.00	
Shady Grove		
Spring Hill		

Phenix City		
United		
Russell Woods		

Pisgah		
Roanoke		
Antioch	120.00	
Bethany		
First	240.00	
Forest Home		
Lowell	195.03	
Mt. Zion		
New Hope		
Rock Springs		
Rock Stand		

Shawmut, Todd	40.00	
Wadley, Christian	166.46	60.00
Wadley, Beulah		
Wadley, Corinth		
Wedowee, Cavers Grove		
Wedowee, Noon Day	75.00	
West Point, Bethel		

NORTH ALABAMA ASSN.

Arley		
Robertson's Chapel		
Birmingham Pilgrim	525.00	20.00

tional Church, Knoxville, Tenn.		
October 1-15 — Fall Association and Conference Meetings		
October 16 — First Church, East Tallassee, Alabama		

Garden City	160.00	
Hackleburg, Fairview		
Haleyville, Union Gr.	54.00	
Houston, Liberty Hill		
Huntsville, United	10.00	
Moulton, Jones Chapel		
Steele, Mt. Lebanon		
Steppeville, Mt. Grove	90.00	
Town Creek, Liberty		
Trinity, Caddo First	21.00	

SOUTH ALABAMA ASSN.

Andalusia, Antioch	50.00	34.31
Andalusia, Coldwater		
Andalusia, First	50.00	
Andalusia, New Home		
Brantley, Liberty		
Brantley, Indian Creek		
Clio, New Hope	130.00	
Headland, Blackwood	168.63	
Midland City, Chr. Hill		

N. W. FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope		
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	26.00	
Bonifay, New Effort	155.00	
Crestview, Dorcas		

GA. - S. C. CONFERENCE

Ambrose, Christian		
Atlanta, Center	120.00	
Atlanta, Central	2667.66	549.03
Barnesville, Fredonia	120.00	
Baxley, Friendship		
Bowman, Liberty		
Braselton, Macedonia	36.00	
Bristol, Antioch		
Buford, Duncan's Creek		
Columbus, First	345.00	
Columbus, United		
Crest, Hebron		
Demorest, Federated	200.00	63.50
Doerun, New Light		
Doerun, Poplar Arbor		
Douglas, First	10.00	
Enigma, Christian		
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill		
Hampton, County Line		
LaGrange, United	421.64	
Meansville, Liberty		
Oxford, Sardis	66.00	
Pearson, Union Hill		
Pine Mt., Oak Grove	315.00	
Richland, First	52.00	
Richland, Prov. Chapel		
The Rock, Bethany		
Tifton, First		
Tifton, Vanceville		
Waycross, Wms. Chap.	15.00	
Woodbury, Jones Chap.	60.00	
Charleston, Circular	680.00	

KY. - TENN. CONFERENCE

Corbin, Pilgrim		
Evarts, First	360.00	39.50
Stearns, Community		
Chatt., Pilgrim	1916.00	90.00

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Knoxville Church Starts Weekly Visitation Program

August 3 marked the beginning of a weekly program of visitation in the First Congregational Church, Knoxville. The Deacons are sponsoring an effort to call on members of the parish and newcomers to the city. Calling is done by husbands and wives, teams of two men, and single individuals. Names are secured each week from the Chamber of Commerce by Deacon James D. Kerr. Assignments are made and records kept by Deacon William J. Ahler. A letter of welcome precedes the call. This is prepared by the wife of Deacon Kenyon C. Ottaway. The letter itself was prepared by Mr. William H. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hunley. After only two weeks of calling it can be reported that newcomers have agreed to come to church each of the next three Sundays. The visitors will call and bring these prospective new members. And newcomers preferring other churches have appreciated the letter of welcome to the city and the telephone call that has followed.

The Bayside, Virginia, Congregational Christian Church, of which Rev. G. Julius Rice is pastor, recently consecrated a new \$45,000 addition to its church building. The addition includes six large classrooms, two restrooms, ladies' lounge, kitchen, storage room, closets, and a large social hall with a fireplace. A folding partition makes this hall into two classrooms.

O. C. W. M. CONTRIBUTIONS . . .

Crossville, First	237.50	82.66
Daisy, First	175.00	
Deer Lodge		
Glenmary	80.00	
Knoxville, First	1443.57	
Nash., Brookmeade	468.00	68.37
Pleasant Hill Com.	375.00	35.50
Robbins, Barton Ch.	78.00	
Soddy, First		
TOTALS	14,558.78	1,271.50
East Ala. Woman's Missionary Conference	319.62	
Ky. - Tenn. Summer Conference	39.60	
Ala.-Fla. W. G. ('59)		231.07
Ala.-Fla. W. G. ('60)		424.37
Ga.-S. C. W. G. ('60)		436.52
Ky.-Tenn. W. G. ('60)		327.28
TOTALS	14,918.00	2,690.74
GRAND TOTAL	17,608.74	

Elder Church PF Reports Projects

The Pilgrim Fellowship boys and girls of Elder Church have been very active this year. As in the past, they have been an inspiration to the adults of the church.

In the spring they were hosts to the Wadley District PF Rally. Mr. Bobby Jack Pemberton was the guest speaker.

At a planning session held in the spring, a lot of plans were made for the next few months. Most of these have been completed and others are being worked on. One of the regular meetings was held in the home of an elderly person, Miss Exie Fuller. Miss Exie has always loved young people and she particularly enjoyed the devotion, the program, and the singing planned and presented by these boys and girls.

On a Saturday afternoon the boys and girls met at the church and worked out the shrubbery that had been set out during the winter months.

They planned and held a box supper. Linda Young, the P. F. president, donned a big hat, overalls, and a big "bass" voice, and was auctioneer at this affair. After several "and sold to the highest bidder" all the boxes were sold and enough money raised to buy paint for three Sunday School rooms. A work day was planned in July to do the work. Several boys and girls shared this work and it was completed in one day.

Some may look at these newly painted walls and see streaks and uneven spots. But we older people fail to see them. We visualize, instead, the rooms filled with enthusiastic Christian young people doing their bit to beautify their church.

The men of the community have had a well dug for the church and an electric pump installed.

New officers for the Women's Fellowship were elected as follows: Mrs. Woodroe Washburn, president; Mrs. Barrett Ingram, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Fuller, secretary; and Mrs. Justin Duck, treasurer.

Vacation Bible School was held in July. "The Teachings of Jesus" was the theme used for the week. Mrs. Woodroe Washburn was the director and also the teacher for the Junior High Class; Miss Louise Duck taught the Juniors; and Barry Ingram was the Primary teacher. Miss Sue Brassell had

HERE AND THERE

The Rev. Dr. Adam Daniel Beittel, Dean of the Chapel and professor of religion at Beloit (Wisconsin) College, has been appointed president of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Miss. He succeeds Dr. Samuel C. Kincheloe, who has held the post for the past five years. Dr. Kincheloe will go to the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga., as chairman of the Department of Church and Society.

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The Albemarle, N. C., Congregational Christian Church has purchased additional lots for use as a parking lot. The church has employed an architect to draw plans for an educational building to be constructed in the near future. The Rev. Collie Seymour, a former moderator of the Southeast Convention, is the minister of the church.

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Rev. Harold Henderson, minister of the Congregational Christian Churches of Soddy and Daisy, Tenn., has resigned from these churches to accept the pastorate of the First Congregational Christian Church, East Tallassee, Alabama.

charge of the beginners. An offering was taken each day for Southern Union College. Closing exercises were held on Friday night, with each class having a part on the program.

The summer revival was held the first week in August. Two members were received during this week. The Rev. Olin E. Sheppard of Roanoke, Alabama, did the preaching.

Mrs. Woodroe Washburn
Pres., WF Elder Church

STUDY GROUP 'MEETS

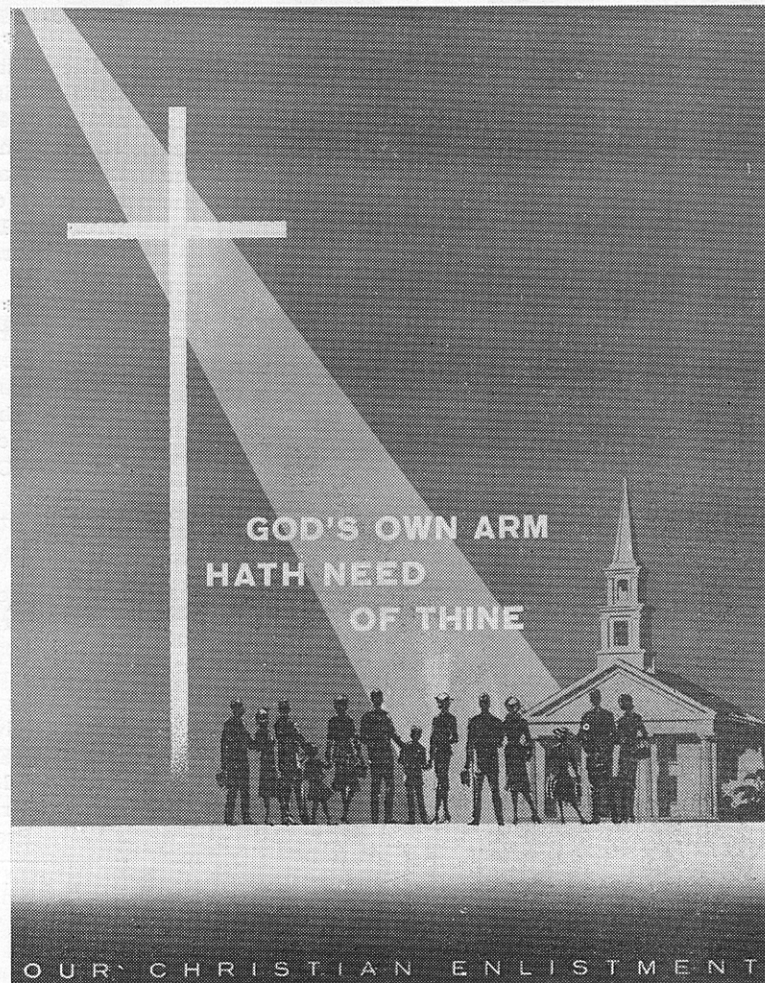
A Study Group, using Robert Spike's little book, "In But Not of the World," was begun Sunday night, August 14, at the First Congregational Church, Knoxville. Sixteen attended the first session. In the group were two attorneys, two engineers, a federal audit accountant, a former senator and TVA director, the Division Director of the Electro-Nuclear Research Laboratory at Oak Ridge, an interior decorator, three school teachers and five housewives. The minister, Rev. A. Ray Meserve, leads the group. This five-night study group is the first of several basic subjects to be covered in short courses this year.

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